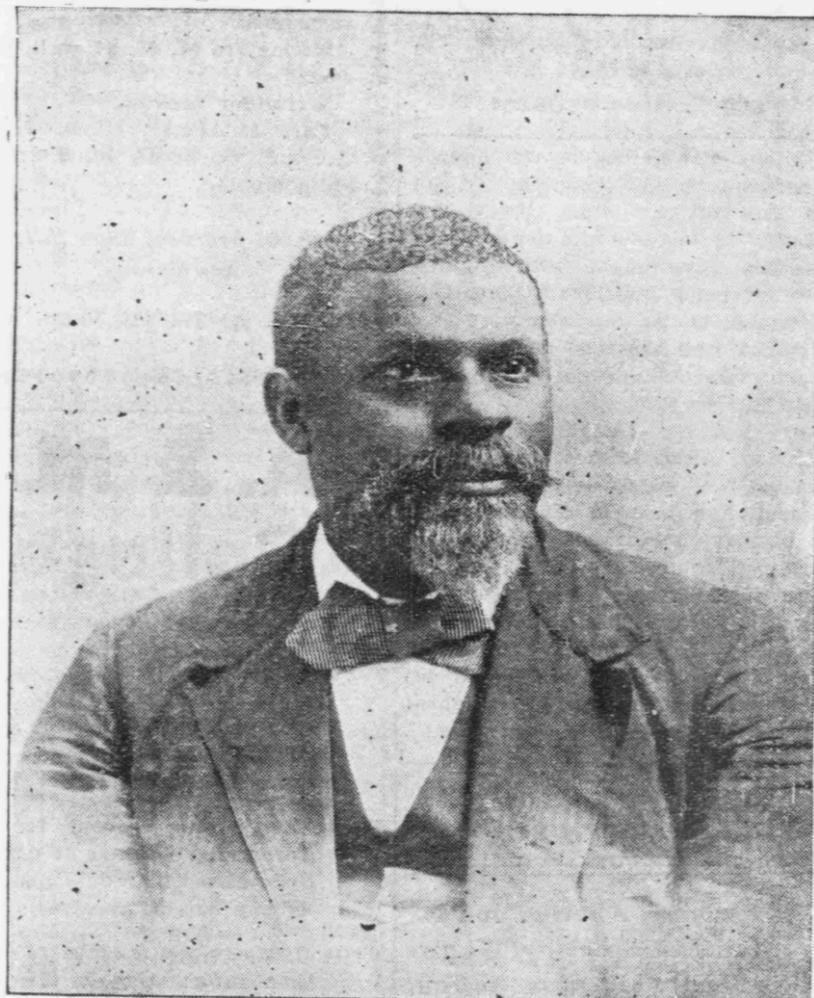


THE LATE W. H. PARHAM.

A Tribute to His Ambition and His Worth.

The recent death of William H. Parham in Cincinnati, O., a few days ago, suggests a backward look to the young men of our city whose active manhood lives began nearly a half century ago. Mr. Parham was personally known to but few of our people of this day, but his reputation in many ways was such as to make his achievements clear to some of the younger generation. He was indigenous to Quaker soil, and his school days, although meagre, were under the tutelage of James Bird. Although unable, through poverty, to

imbibed the envioning struggles of the antislavery crusade, and all the apostles and crusaders of that day, such men as John C. Bowers, Isalah C. Wears, William Whipper, James McC. Crummell, Dr. J. J. Gould Bias. These were among the writers, talkers, thinkers, and reformers of the time when Parham reached manhood. He studied assiduously and yet there was another ambition, that of money-getting. Consequently, the field of steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers lured him westward, and he went and won out. He was hampered, as every one is, without systematic tutelage, but his unremitting and intelligent effort became proficient enough to become a teacher in the Cincinnati public schools. He afterward read law and was successful at the Ohio Bar. Some years ago he



THE LATE W. H. PARHAM,

Ex-Member of the Ohio Legislature, and Ex-Principal of the Gaines High School, who recently died in Cincinnati, Ohio, after winning fame and a small fortune.

get all that he desired in the way of education, he got the impulse of study and reading, so that text-book deficiencies were in a manner made up for. Our subject was noted for his ambitions as a lad, and he was ever an ardent believer in self betterment. His contemporaries were Jacob C. White, Jr., George Garnett, St. George R. Taylor, S. Morgan Smith, Andrew F. Stevens, Davis D. Turner, John W. Simpson, George E. Stevens, William H. Minton and Daniel W. Parvis, among others; the latter being the only survivor of a band of young men whose aim was high and who started off to win out against an abounding prejudice, as well as impedimenta in a variety of ways. His early manhood

went abroad and later on returned to his old home in this city, where the few of his early colleagues vied with each other in bidding him welcome, and proffering hospitality. This Philadelphia lad taught the lesson in his own person of self-reliance, and what he accomplished under adverse circumstances is possible to the poorest, without cost. William H. Parham surely reflected credit in his old home, and this inadequate notice is written to accent the notion that:

"It is not rank, nor birth, nor state  
But the getup-and-get, that makes a  
man great."

—Pencil Pusher, in Phila. Tribune.

GOOD WORDS FOR DR. SHEPARD.

North Carolina is not showing up as well as she should in the councils of the Republican party. The Negroes made a tactical error there in not opposing with all their might the narrow and prejudiced program of the "lily whites." They could have fared well at Chicago had they followed the courageous lead of Captain Waltetr L. Cohen. This was the advice of Dr. James E. Shepard, of Durham, who represents the young blood of the Ne-



DR. JAMES E. SHEPARD,  
Secretary of the International Sunday School Union, Durham,  
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gro leadership in the state. He is popular and unusually capable, and has shown a remarkable degree of executive ability in the several federal offices he has held, and as the acknowledged brains of the North Carolina contingent in Washington, where he was chief clerk in the office of the Recorder of Deeds. Dr. Shepard is now serving as a field secretary of the International Sunday School Association, and his superintendents speak in the highest terms of his efficiency as a Christian worker. Dr. Shepard can not help putting in a blow for the race in the political arena when good can be accomplished. He is an ardent Roosevelt man, and there are rumors that the attention of the President is being called to his sagacious labors for the party where there is such a crying need for rehabilitation. Dr. Shepard will be heard from in a most gratifying way when the fight warms up.—Rio Tin, Charleston Advocate.

NO SOCIAL EQUALITY.

Henry Holmes was a colored man who objected to social equality so strenuously that after remonstrating with his mother for allowing and his sisters for receiving white callers, took his shot gun and dispatched them out of existnce and then followed suit by shooting himself. Democratic papers will please copy.—Mobile Press.

Mr. William Taylor, the colored bricklayer, who was appointed to a position at the barracks some days ago, is still holding down his position. Every effort is being made by the bricklayers union to oust him, and the "open door policy" is being attacked from every view point.

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